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Winthrop AmeriCorps Awarded Grant

WASHINGTON – U.S. Rep. John Spratt (D-SC) announced today that the AmeriCorps program at Winthrop University has been awarded a grant from the Corporation for National and Community Service, the federal agency that administers the program. The grant is for \$248,006.

AmeriCorps is a network of national service programs that engage more than 50,000 Americans each year to meet critical needs in education, public safety, health, and the environment.

Winthrop AmeriCorps has full- and part-time members who tutor some 950 low-income students in grades K-5. According to the Corporation, nearly 80% of the students increase literacy scores by one grade level.

Statewide, there are 10 AmeriCorps programs with 267 members.

Spratt has been a strong supporter of AmeriCorps. “This is a highly competitive grant,” said Spratt. “I am pleased to lend my support to AmeriCorps and delighted to see Winthrop win the money.”

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